Amendments to the Claims:

The following listings of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-88.   (Canceled)

89.   (Currently Amended) A voting machine, comprising:

a display that displays a ballot having election choices and receives voter selections; and

a printer including a tamper resistant container for a print medium, the printer being coupled with the voting machine and printing a printed audit trail on the print medium,

wherein the voter selections and the printed audit trail can be viewed by the ~~voter.~~voter, and the tamper resistant container includes a transparent window to allow the voter to view the printed audit trail and restrict physical access to the printed audit trail.

90.   (Canceled)

91.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the voter selections and the printed audit trail are simultaneously viewed by the voter.

92.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein once the voter has viewed the voter selections and the printed audit trail, the printer moves the printed audit trail such that the printed audit trail is not visible to a next voter and is stored within the tamper resistant container.

93.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein:

the printer marks the printed audit trail to indicate that the printed audit trail is invalid if the voter rejects the voter selections as presented in the printed audit trail; and

the display displays the ballot having election choices to receive voter reselections.

94.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the printer is within the voting machine.

95.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 94, wherein the printer is accessed separately from the voting machine.

96.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine recited in claim 89, wherein the printer is a separate device that is attached to the voting machine.

97.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 96, further comprising at least one fastener that attaches the printer to the voting machine.

98.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 97, wherein the at least one fastener includes at least one security feature that includes at least one of a locking mechanism, tamper evident tape, alarms and electronic identification.

99.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 98, wherein the locking mechanism is a lock that is unlocked using a non-duplicatable key.

100.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 96, wherein the printer includes a first fastener and the voting machine includes a second fastener, wherein the first fastener engages the second fastener in a slotting manner.

101.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 96, wherein the printer is attached to the voting machine using a commercially available fastener.

102.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, further comprising:

a radio frequency identification detector included in the voting machine; and

a radio frequency identification device included in the printer,

wherein the radio frequency identification detector of the voting machine detects the radio frequency identification device of the printer when the printer is attached to

the voting machine to confirm an attachment of a valid and/or authorized printer to the voting machine.

103. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 102, wherein the voting machine is disabled unless radio frequency identification detector detects that the valid and/or authorized printer is attached to the voting machine.

104. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, further comprising:

> a radio frequency identification detector included in the printer; and

> a radio frequency identification device included in the voting machine,

> wherein the radio frequency identification detector of the printer detects the

radio frequency identification device of the voting machine when the printer is attached to the voting machine to confirm an attachment of a valid and/or authorized voting machine.

105. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 104, wherein the printer is disabled unless radio frequency identification detector detects that the printer is attached to the valid and/or authorized voting machine.

106. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein at least one of the voting machine and the printer is disabled unless the printer is attached to the voting machine.

107. (Currently Amended) The voting machine as recited in ~~claim 89,~~ claim 112, wherein the printer is positioned behind a display screen of the display.

108. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 107, wherein the display screen can be made transparent so that the printed audit trail can be viewed through the display screen.

109. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 108, wherein only a portion of the display is made transparent.

110. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 108, wherein, when the display screen is made transparent, the voter selections from the election choices remain visible so that the voter can compare the voter selections with the printed audit trail.

111. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 108, wherein the voter selections in the display screen are aligned with the printed voter selections in the printed audit trail so that when the display screen is made transparent, the voter selections in the display screen remain visible so that the voter can compare the voter selections in the display screen with the printed audit trail.

112. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A voting ~~machine~~ machine, ~~as recited in claim 107,~~ comprising:

a display that displays a ballot having election choices and receives voter selections; and

a printer including a tamper resistant container for a print medium, the printer being coupled with the voting machine and printing a printed audit trail on the print medium,

wherein the voter selections and the printed audit trail can be viewed by the voter,

the printer is positioned behind a display screen of the display, and

the voting machine further ~~comprising~~ comprises a controller that causes the display screen to be segmentally made transparent such that at least one portion of the printed audit trail that should be viewed by the voter can be viewed through the display screen.

113. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A voting ~~machine~~ machine, ~~as recited in claim 108,~~ comprising:

a display that displays a ballot having election choices and receives voter selections; and

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a printer including a tamper resistant container for a print medium, the printer being coupled with the voting machine and printing a printed audit trail on the print medium,

wherein the voter selections and the printed audit trail can be viewed by the voter,

the printer is positioned behind a display screen of the display,

the display screen can be made transparent so that the printed audit trail can be viewed through the display screen, and

the voting machine further ~~comprising~~ comprises a controller that causes the display screen to be opaque, causes the display screen to be transparent to allow the voter to view the printed audit trail on the print medium through the display screen, and then causes the display screen to be opaque so that a next voter can not view the print medium through the display screen.

114. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 108, wherein the display screen is made of at least one of an amorphous silicon, a non-reflective display and a single large cell LCD.

115. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 108, wherein the display screen uses holographic backlit diffusing materials.

116. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the print medium of the printer is stored on a reel-to-reel type print medium feeding system.

117. (Previously Presented) The voting machine recited in claim 89, wherein the printer is at least one of a laser, ink jet, thermal and dot-matrix type printer.

118. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, further comprising privacy shields disposed on the voting machine that restrict a visibility of a display screen of the display and the printed audit trail only to the voter.

119.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, further comprising privacy shields that are attached to the printer.

120.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein a position of the printed audit trail can be detected by the printer, in order to print respective printed audit trails in a randomized order.

121.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 120, wherein the voting machine includes a controller that randomizes a printed position of the audit trail by keeping track of a print medium print position and portions of the print medium.

122.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A voting ~~machine~~ machine, ~~as recited in claim~~ ~~121,~~comprising:

a display that displays a ballot having election choices and receives voter selections; and

a printer including a tamper resistant container for a print medium, the printer being coupled with the voting machine and printing a printed audit trail on the print medium,

wherein the voter selections and the printed audit trail can be viewed by the voter,

a position of the printed audit trail can be detected by the printer, in order to print respective printed audit trails in a randomized order,

the voting machine includes a controller that randomizes a printed position of the audit trail by keeping track of a print medium print position and portions of the print medium, and

~~wherein~~ the printer includes at least one bi-directional drive motor that is controlled by the controller to randomize a printed position of the audit trail.

123.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the tamper resistant container is a canister that is removable from the printer.

124. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the tamper resistant container includes a serial number.

125. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 123, wherein the canister includes at least one security feature that restricts access to the print medium contained therein.

126. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 125, wherein the at least one security feature includes at least one of a locking mechanism, tamper evident tape, alarms and electronic identification.

127. (Currently Amended) The A voting ~~machine~~ machine, ~~as recited in claim~~ ~~123,~~ comprising:

a display that displays a ballot having election choices and receives voter selections; and

a printer including a tamper resistant container for a print medium, the printer being coupled with the voting machine and printing a printed audit trail on the print medium,

wherein the voter selections and the printed audit trail can be viewed by the voter,

the tamper resistant container is a canister that is removable from the printer, and

the voting machine further ~~comprising~~ comprises an auto-load mechanism that loads/unloads canisters.

128. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the print medium includes at least one security feature to ensure an authenticity of the printed audit trail.

129. (Previously Presented) The voting machine, as recited in claim 128, wherein the least one security feature is a security ink that is printed on the print medium, the security ink including at least one of an infrared, ultraviolet and fluorescent ink.

130. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 128, wherein the at least one security feature includes an invisible portion and a visible portion that is printed on the print medium.

131. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 128, wherein the at least one of the security feature of the print medium includes at least one of invisible data and visible data that is present on the print medium.

132. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 128, wherein the at least one security feature of the printing medium is printed on the print medium by the printer.

133. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the display further comprises a selection panel that receives the voter selections.

134. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 133, wherein the selection panel includes at least one selection button.

135. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 133, wherein the selection panel is configured to receive a ballot, the selection panel including a protective cover to hold the ballot.

136. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 133, wherein the selection panel includes a touch screen that is integrated with a display screen of the display.

137. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 133, wherein the printer is attached to a side of the selection panel.

138. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 137, further comprising:

a privacy shield disposed between the selection panel and the printer; and

a window formed at the privacy shield to allow the voter to view the printed audit trail of the printer.

139. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 89, wherein the printer and the voting machine include integral contacts such that when the printer is attached to the voting machine, at least one of power up and data communication between the voting machine and the printer is initiated.

140. (Previously Presented) A voting machine, comprising:

a display that displays a selection of a voter;

a printer including a window, the printer being coupled to the voting machine and printing the selection of the voter as a printed audit trail on a print medium, and displaying the printed audit trail behind the window, so that the printed audit trail is tamper resistant and not physically accessible by the voter.

141. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voter selection and the printed audit trail being arranged so that they can be simultaneously viewed by the voter.

142. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein once the voter has viewed the voter selection and the printed audit trail, the printer moves the printed audit trail such that the printed audit trail is not visible to a next voter and stored within the printer.

143. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein:

the printer marks the printed audit trail to indicate that the printed audit trail is invalid if the voter rejects the voter selections as presented in the printed audit trail; and

the display displays the ballot having election choices to receive voter reselections.

144. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer is within the voting machine.

145. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 144, wherein the printer is accessed separately from the voting machine.

146. (Previously Presented) The voting machine recited in claim 140, wherein the printer is a separate device that is attached to the voting machine.

147. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 146, further comprising at least one fastener that attaches the printer to the voting machine.

148. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising:

a radio frequency identification detector included in voting machine; and

a radio frequency identification device included in the printer,

wherein the radio frequency identification detector of the voting machine detects the radio frequency identification device of the printer when the printer is attached to the voting machine to confirm an attachment of a valid and/or authorized printer to the voting machine.

149. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 148, wherein the voting machine is disabled unless radio frequency identification detector detects that the valid and/or authorized printer is attached to the voting machine.

150. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising:

a radio frequency identification detector included in the printer; and

a radio frequency identification device included in the voting machine,

wherein the radio frequency identification detector of the printer detects the radio frequency identification device of the voting machine when the printer is attached to the voting machine to confirm an attachment of a valid and/or authorized voting machine.

151. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 150, wherein the printer is disabled unless radio frequency identification detector detects that the printer is attached to the valid and/or authorized voting machine.

152. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein at least one of the voting machine and printer is disabled unless the printer is attached to the voting machine.

153. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer is positioned with the window behind a display screen of the display.

154. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 153, wherein the display screen can be made transparent so that the printed audit trail can be viewed through the display screen.

155. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 154, wherein only a portion of the display screen is made transparent.

156. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 154, wherein, when the display screen is made transparent, the voter selections from the election choices remain visible so that the voter can compare the voter selection with the printed audit trail.

157. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 154, wherein the voter selection in the display screen is aligned with the printed voter selection in the printed audit trail so that when the display screen is made transparent, the voter selection in the display screen remain visible so that the voter can compare the voter selection in the display screen with the printed audit trail.

158. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 154, further comprising a controller that causes the display screen to be opaque, causes the display screen to be transparent to allow the voter to view the printed audit trail on the print medium through the display screen, and then causes the display screen to be opaque so that a next voter can not view the print medium through the display screen.

159. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 154, wherein the display screen is made of at least one of an amorphous silicon, a non-reflective display and a single large cell LCD.

160. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 154, wherein the display screen uses holographic backlit diffusing materials.

161. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the print medium of the printer is stored on a reel-to-reel type print medium feeding system.

162. (Previously Presented) The voting machine recited in claim 140, wherein the printer is at least one of a laser, ink jet, thermal and dot-matrix type printer.

163. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising:

privacy shields disposed on the voting machine that restrict a visibility of a display screen of the display and the printed audit trail only to the voter.

164. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising privacy shields attached to the printer.

165. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein a position of the printed audit trail can be detected by the printer, in order to print respective printed audit trails in a randomized order.

166.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer includes a tamper resistant holder for the print medium on which is printed audit trails, with access to the print medium in the tamper resistant holder being restricted.

167.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 166, wherein the tamper resistant holder is a canister that is removable from the voting machine.

168.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 167, wherein the canister includes at least one security feature that restricts access to the printing medium contained therein.

169.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 168, wherein the at least one security feature includes at least one of a locking mechanism, tamper evident tape, alarms and electronic identification.

170.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the print medium includes at least one security feature to ensure an authenticity of the printed audit trail.

171.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine, as recited in claim 170, wherein the at least one security feature is a security ink that is printed on the print medium, the security ink including at least one of an infrared, ultraviolet and fluorescent ink.

172.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 170, wherein the security feature includes an invisible portion and a visible portion that is printed on the print medium.

173.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 170, wherein the security features of the print medium include at least one of invisible data and visible that is present on the print medium.

174.   (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 170, wherein the security feature of the print medium is printed on the print medium by the printer.

175. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer and the voting machine include integral contacts such that when the printer is attached to the voting machine, power up and/or data communication is initiated between the voting machine and the printer.

176. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voting machine communicates with the printer using at least one of a cable and a cable-less connection.

177. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voting machine communicates with the printer using at least one of a parallel interface, a serial interface, a Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface, a Firewire interface, 801-11 interface, Bluetooth and a Peripheral Connection Interface (PCI) Express.

178. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising rails for receiving and coupling the printer to the voting machine in a slotting manner.

179. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer is secured to the voting machine by a locking mechanism.

180. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer further comprising a container including a cover, wherein the cover contains the window.

181. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 180, wherein the cover is fastened to the container by a locking device and a lock-receiving device.

182. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 181, further comprising a software interlock that is linked with at least one of the locking device and the lock-receiving device, wherein the lock-receiving device releases the locking device via the software interlock.

183. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer has at least one seal that shows signs of removal if the printer is detached from the voting machine.

184. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising at least one lock/unlock detection sensor that detects whether at least one component of the voting machine is locked/unlocked; and

a controller that disables the voting machine if the at least one component of the voting machine is unlocked.

185. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer uses an invisible ink to print the printed audit trail, the printer further comprising a light emitting source that emits a light that causes an invisibly printed audit trail to become visible to the voter.

186. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voting machine is configured to be coupled with a remote database.

187. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 186, wherein the voting machine is wired/wirelessly coupled to the remote database through a network.

188. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 186, wherein the voting machine is directly wired/wirelessly coupled to the remote database.

189. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer further comprising a memory that stores the selection of the voter.

190. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voting machine includes a removable electronic storage device that stores the selection of the voter.

191. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voting machine includes a memory that stores the selection of the voter.

192. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer prints each transaction undertaken on the voting machine.

193. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 192, wherein the printer prints each transaction as a code.

194. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer prints a summary of the selection of the voter.

195. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer prints a carbon copy of the selection of the voter.

196. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer prints each action undertaken on the voting machine.

197. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer prints a code that can be used to identify the voter.

198. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising

a controller that determines whether the printed audit trail is larger than the printer window, and

the controller determining whether an entire printed audit trail is to be printed or the printed audit trail is to be printed sectionally, each section corresponding to at least a portion of the printer window, if the printed audit trail is larger than the printer window.

199. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 198, wherein the controller causes the printer to print the printed audit trail a section at a time.

200. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 198, wherein the controller causes the printer to print an entire printed audit trail, and

allows the entire printed audit trail to be scrolled back and forth based on the voter's input.

201. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising

a mask that is inserted at the printer window to adjust a size of the printer window when the printed audit trail is smaller than the printer window.

202. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 201, further comprising:

at least one sensor that senses the mask at the printer window; and

a controller, upon input from the sensor, causes the printer to print corresponding to a non-masked portion of the printer window.

203. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising

a controller that determines whether the printed audit trail is smaller than the printer window, and

the controller reduces a space allocated for printing on the print medium, if the printed audit trail is smaller than the printer window.

204. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising

a controller that determines whether the printed audit trail is smaller than the printer window, and

the controller adjusts the printer window size to accommodate the smaller sized printed audit trail.

205. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 204, further comprising:

the printer window including an adjustable liquid crystal type mask; and

the controller causes the adjustable liquid crystal type mask to create a corresponding transparent portion in which the printed audit trail is visible and create an opaque remaining portion.

206. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 205, wherein the controller causes the printer to print corresponding to the transparent portion of the adjustable liquid crystal type mask.

207. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a sensor that senses a print head failure.

208. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a sensor that senses a paper jam.

209. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a sensor that senses whether a portion of the print medium to be printed is blank prior to printing on the print medium.

210. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a sensor that is used to accurately position the print medium.

211. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a sensor that senses an amount of print medium available for printing.

212. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a controller that interrogates the printer to detect whether the printer is properly functioning.

213. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 212, wherein the controller causes the display to display an error message if the printer is not properly functioning.

214. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising a controller that interrogates the voting machine to detect whether the voting machine is properly functioning.

215. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 214, wherein the controller causes the printer to print an error code on the print medium if the voting machine is not properly functioning.

216. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, further comprising:

the printer prints the printed audit trail in machine-readable format; and

a converter that converts the machine-readable format of the printed audit trail into an audible audit trail output.

217. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the voting machine is configured to accommodate various languages.

218. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 217, wherein the printer prints an English-language translation of the audit trail printed in a foreign language.

219. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer is configured to print in various fonts.

220. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein the printer window has a magnifying effect.

221. (Previously Presented) The voting machine as recited in claim 140, wherein illumination can be selectively provided at the window.

222-231. (Canceled)

232. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a voting machine, comprising:

displaying election choices to a voter;

receiving a selection from the voter;

displaying the selection of the voter;

printing a printed audit trail of the selection of the voter onto a print medium;

and

displaying the printed audit trail behind a window so that the printed audit trail

is tamper resistant.

233.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in

claim 232, wherein the printed audit trail and the voter selection are simultaneously displayed

to the voter.

234.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine according

to claim 232, wherein once the voter has viewed the voter selection and the printed audit trail,

the method further includes moving the printed audit trail such that the printed audit trail is

not visible to a next voter and storing the printed audit trail within the printer.

235.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine according

to claim 232, further comprising:

marking the printed audit trail to indicate that the printed audit trail is invalid

if the voter rejects the voter selections as presented in the printed audit trail; and

displaying the ballot having election choices to receive voter reselections.

236.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in

claim 232, further comprising detecting a radio frequency identification of the printer to

determine whether a valid and/or authorized printer is attached to the voting machine.

237.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in

claim 236, further comprising disabling the voting machine unless a valid and/or authorized

radio frequency identification detector of the printer is detected.

238. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising positioning the printer behind a display screen.

239. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 238, further comprising selectively making the display screen transparent so that the printed audit trail can be viewed through the display screen.

240. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 239, wherein, when the display screen is made transparent, the voter selection in the display screen remain visible so that the voter can compare the voter selection with the printed audit trail.

241. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 239, further comprising:

aligning the voter selection to correspond to the printing of the voter selection in the printed audit trail;

making the display screen transparent such that the voter selection in the display screen remain visible so that the voter can compare the voter selection with the printed audit trail.

242. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 239, wherein only a portion of the display is made transparent.

243. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited as recited in claim 239, further comprising segmentally making the display screen transparent such that at least one portion of the printed audit trail that should be viewed by the voter can be viewed through the display screen.

244. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising including at least one security feature to the print medium to ensure that the printed audit trail is authentic.

245.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine, as recited in claim 244, wherein the security feature is the at least one security ink that is printed on the print medium, the security ink including at least one of an infrared, ultraviolet and fluorescent ink.

246.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 244, wherein the security feature includes an invisible portion and a visible portion that is printed on the print medium.

247.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising disposing privacy shields on the voting machine that restrict a visibility of the display screen and the printed audit trail only to the voter.

248.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising attaching privacy shields to the printer.

249.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising detecting a position of the printed audit trail in order to print respective printed audit trails in a randomized order.

250.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising randomizing a print position of the audit trail.

251.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising randomizing a printed position of the audit trail by keeping track of a print medium print position and portions of the print medium.

252.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

providing the printer with a tamper resistant container for containing the print medium on which the printed audit trails is printed; and

restricting access to the print medium in the tamper resistant container.

253. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 252, wherein restricting access to the print medium includes using at least one security feature that includes at least one of locking mechanisms, tamper evident tape, alarms and electronic identification.

254. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

detecting whether at least one of the secured components of the voting machine is unsecured; and

disabling the voting machine if the at least one of the secured components of the voting machine is unsecured.

255. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

printing the audit trail using an invisible ink; and

emitting a light onto the audit trail that causes an invisibly printed audit trail to become visible to the voter.

256. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising attaching a printer to the voting machine in a slotting manner.

257. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

linking a locking mechanism the locks a printer to the voting machine with a software interlock; and

releasing the printer from the locking mechanism by operation of the software interlock.

258. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising coupling the voting machine to a remote database.

259. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising storing the selection of the voter in a memory of a printer.

260. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising storing the selection of the voter in a removable storage device coupled to the voting machine.

261. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising storing the selection of the voter in a memory within the voting machine.

262. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising recording each transaction undertaken on the voting machine.

263. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 262, further comprising recording each transaction as a code.

264. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising recording a summary of the selection of the voter.

265. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising recording a carbon copy of the selection of the voter.

266. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising recording each action undertaken on the voting machine.

267. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising recording a code that is used to identify the voter.

268. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising powering up and initiating data communication between the voting machine and the printer when the printer is coupled to the voting machine.

269. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising communicating with the printer using at least one of a cable and a cable-less connection.

270. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising communicating with the printer using at least one of a parallel interface, a serial interface, a Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface, a Firewire interface and a Peripheral Connection Interface (PCI) Express.

271. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

determining whether the printed audit trail is larger than the printer window; and

determining whether an entire printed audit trail is to be printed or the printed audit trail is to be printed sectionally, each section corresponding to at least a portion of the printer window, if the printed audit trail is larger than the printer window.

272. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 271, further comprising displaying the printed audit trail a section at a time for view by the voter.

273. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 272, further comprising recording the printed audit trail when all the sections are accepted by the voter.

274. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 271, further comprising:

printing an entire audit trail; and

allowing the voter to scroll back and forth to review the entire printed audit trail.

275. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 274, further comprising recording the entire printed audit trail when the voter accepts the entire printed audit trail.

276. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

determining whether the printed audit trail is smaller than the printer window; and

reducing a space allocated for printing on the print medium, if the printed audit trail is smaller than the printer window.

277. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising adjusting a printer window size by inserting a mask at the printer window.

278. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 277, further comprising:

sensing the mask; and

causing the printer to print corresponding to the visible portion of the printer window.

279. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising adjusting a printer window to accommodate a smaller size of the printed audit trail.

280. (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 279, wherein the printer window includes an adjustable liquid crystal type mask, the method further comprising activating the adjustable liquid crystal type mask to create a corresponding transparent portion in which the printed audit trail is visible and to create an opaque remaining portion.

281.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising sensing a print head failure.

282.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising sensing a print medium jam.

283.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising sensing that a portion of the recording medium to be printed is blank prior to printing on the print medium.

284.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising sensing the amount of print medium available for printing.

285.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising interrogating the voting machine to detect whether the voting machine is properly functioning.

286.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 285, further comprising printing an error code on the print medium if the voting machine is not properly functioning.

287.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising interrogating the printer to detect whether the printer is properly functioning.

288.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 287, further comprising displaying an error code on the display if the printer is not properly functioning.

289.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising:

    printing the audit trail in a machine-readable format; and

    converting the machine-readable printed audit trail into audible output.

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290.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising configuring the voting machine to accommodate various languages.

291.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 290, further comprising printing an English-language translation of the audit trail printed in a foreign language.

292.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising printing in various fonts.

293.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising providing a printer window with a magnifying effect.

294.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating a voting machine as recited in claim 232, further comprising selectively providing illumination at a printer window.

295-340.   (Canceled)